GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4317
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ACHIEVEMENTS MADE UNDER NATIONAL WASTELAND DEVELOPMENT BOARD
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the achievements made by the National Wasteland Development Board during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the details of the projects in Bihar assisted/approved by the Board during the last three years; and

(c) the details of the present activities being performed by the National Wasteland Development Board?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI A. RAJA)
(a) The mandate of the National Wastelands Development Board in the Department of Land Resources is to develop non- forest wastelands on sustainable basis for increasing bio- mass availability, especially fuel wood and fodder. For this purpose, financial assistance is released under the following schemes for development of wastelands:-

i. Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP)
ii. Support to NGOs/Voluntary Agencies.
iii.Technology Development, Extension and Training (TDET).
iv.Investment Promotional Scheme (IPS)
v. Wastelands Development Task Force (WDTF)

The assistance provided for the projects under the above schemes during the last three years (1997-98 to 1999-2000) State-wise is given in Annexure-I.

(b) The details of financial assistance provided for sanctioned projects in Bihar during the last three years are given Scheme-wise in Annexure-II.

(c) While the Scheme of Wastelands Development Task Force has been wound up and the Scheme of Support to NGOs/Voluntary Agencies has been transferred to CAPART, the other three Schemes are continuing.

Annexure-I referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4317 due for reply on 20.4.2000

SL. No.	Name of the State	Amount released (Rs. in crore) 1997-98 to 1999-2000			
		IWDP	TDET	Support to NGOs/ Voluntary Agencies	IPS
1.	Andhra Pradesh	30.06	5.54	0.06	0.07
2.	Arunchal Pradesh	0.09			
3.	Assam	2.59	0.04		
4.	Bihar	0.38	0.33	0.12	
5.	Delhi		0.20		
6.	Gujarat	13.45	0.50	0.01	0.02

7 Haryana	2.46	4.59	0.01	
8. Himachal Pradesh	11.84	1.55		
9. Jammu & Kashmir	3.36		1.58	
10. Karnataka	16.55	0.19	0.05	
11. Kerala	1.19	0.26	0.20	
12. Madhya Pradesh	14.84	0.29	0.10	
13. Maharasthra	6.60	0.26	0.05	0.02
14. Meghalaya	0.65	0.01		
15. Manipur	5.88			
16. Nagaland	8.50	0.02		
17. Orissa	11.53	0.31	0.04	
18. Punjab	0.14	5.53		
19. Rajasthan	11.96	1.90	0.03	0.02
20. Sikkim	6.32			
21. Tamil Nadu	9.43	0.40	0.22	0.15
22. Tripura	0.70			
23. Uttar Pradesh	37.90	0.25	0.20	
24. West Bengal		0.05	0.06	
Total	196.42	22.22	2.73	0.28
25. CAPART	2.50	NIL	3.90	NIL
GRAND TOTAL	198.92	22.22	6.63	0.28

As regards the Scheme of WDTF, it was set up with the objective of providing disciplined force for regeneration of wastelands through afforestation including in situ soil and moisture conservation etc. in the ravines of Chambal in Morena District of Madhya Pradesh. During the last three years, funds to the tune of Rs.2.98 crores were released for this purpose. The Task Force has been wound up on 31.12.1999.

Name of the Scheme	Funds released (Rs. in crore) (1997-98 to 1999-2000)
i. Integrated Wastelands Development Programme	0.38
ii. Support to NGOs/Voluntary Agencies.	0.12
iii. Technology Development, Extension and Training.	0.33
iv. Investment Promotional Scheme	Nil
v. Wastelands Development Task Force	Nil